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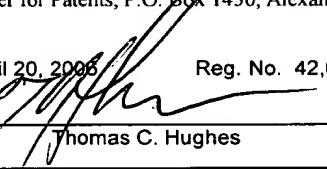
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MATERIAL

Group Art Unit: 1733
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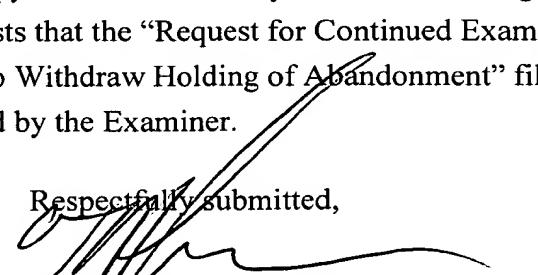
Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

SIR:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 4, 2006, Applicant re-submits herewith a signed copy of the "Preliminary Amendment" originally filed on March 24, 2006. Applicant requests that the "Request for Continued Examination" and "Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment" filed on March 24, 2006, be considered and entered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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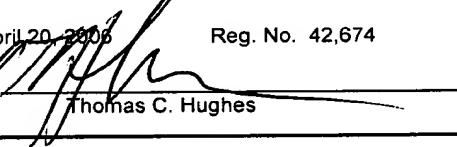
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In connection with the above-referenced application, Applicants file, with this Preliminary Amendment, a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). In response to the Decision on Appeal dated January 25, 2006, and prior to the examination of the above-referenced RCE, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.